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Mr. Larry Allred
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Re: Documentation of Site Visit, Aroc #1 Mine, Pyramid Mining Company,
S/047/032, Uintah County, Utah

Dear Larry:

This letter is to document the issues discussed with you at your mine site on August 16, 1990. On behalf of Holland Shepherd and myself, I wish to thank you for your time and cooperation in meeting with us at your site.

The first topic of discussion was the question of what to do with the overburden material. You mentioned that this material contained insufficient oil to be considered ore and too much oil to be suitable for topsoil material. You proposed removing this material from the pit and possibly selling it. Your first area of concern was where the overburden material was covering part of the ore deposit. After examining the material, we are in agreement that it is unsuitable for topsoil purposes. The Division hereby grants a variance in the rules which would require you to keep the overburden material for topsoil purposes. This does not, however, release you from the ultimate reclamation/revegetation requirements of the mine site.

The second topic also involved the overburden material, but with regard to the stream channel adjacent to the mine site. As we mentioned while at site, the current location of the overburden material is acceptable, but any further advancement into the stream channel could cause a possible flood or erosion problem. You should make every effort to prevent the placement of more overburden material into the channel.

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The other subjects we discussed with you which need to be resolved are: 1) ultimate reclamation of your pit and the effect that would have on the adjacent County pit if their pit was still in operation; 2) finding suitable topsoil material to be used in ultimate reclamation of your site. Since your mine site and the County mine site are on land owned by the same entity it may be possible to coordinate the ultimate reclamation of both sites and utilize topsoil materials available on the County site. This is a topic you may want to bring up with your management and Uintah County.

If you have any questions regarding this letter or other permitting issues please contact me.

Sincerely,



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